

EUROPEAN COMMUNICATIONS AREA

Between 1971 and 1973, AFCS eliminated its regions, or intermediate headquarters organizations, in compliance with continuing Air Force budget austerity. When Headquarters AFCS inactivated the 9th and 12th Tactical Communications Regions, all their groups and squadrons, henceforth, reported directly to the Tactical Communications Area headquarters, making that organization similar to the Northern and Southern Communications Areas. The Alaska Communications Region was inactivated and its activities were assumed by the 1931st Communications Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Even though the Pacific Communications Area remained the largest AFCS organization, its two subordinate regions were also inactivated and its groups assumed some of the intermediate headquarters functions. Finally, the four regions reporting to the European Communications Area were eliminated and the groups and squadrons reported directly to the area headquarters. Eventually, this consolidation saved several hundred manpower spaces since only a few expanded support staff spaces were required to provide the necessary communications-electronics support to a particular command headquarters or base organization which an AFCS unit served.

Continental Communications Division headquartered at Griffiss AFB, New York, and a new Engineering Installation Center with its headquarters at Oklahoma City AFS, Oklahoma. At the same time, the ground communications-electronics installation equipment, or scheme warehouse, and the scheme management functions were consolidated at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, while the 1815th Test Squadron moved from Scott AFB, Illinois, to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The 1931st Communications Group in Alaska was realigned from Headquarters AFCC to the Continental Communications Division. As part of the reorganization, the Strategic Communications Area, the Tactical Communications Area, the European Communications Area, and the Pacific Communications Area were all redesignated divisions to conform to the new structure better suited to meet the envisioned needs, advanced technology, and complexity of the eighties.

LINEAGE

STATIONS

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ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS